Charging of super fast charges

†1970. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 10 or Rs. 20 are being charged at many railway stations like Patna etc. in excess in the name of special super fast and no receipt is being given;

(b) if so, what is the justification for charging arbitrarily this amount from the persons travelling in General Class (Unreserved Coaches);

(c) whether it is also a fact that on being objected railway clerks generally quarrel with these helpless passengers; and

(d) if so, the steps Government are taking to get the passengers travelling in unreserved coaches rid of this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) to (c) All charges including the super fast charges are collected only on issuance of proper ticket/receipt.

(d) To prevent the cases of overcharging, frequent checks are conducted by Commercial as well as Vigilance Departments and the staff wherever found responsible are taken up under Discipline and Appeal Rules.

Train on the pattern of 'Palace on Wheels' in Uttaranchal and U.P.

1971. SHRI LALIT SURI:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have any proposal to start a service on the pattern of "Palace on Wheels" train in Rajasthan connecting religious and tourist centres in Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the places to be connected; and

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Appointments in Railways

† 1972. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the post-wise details of appointments made in the Railways during the last two years and appointments Government propose to make in the next one year;

(b) when the shortage of staff was felt in the railways;

(c) the details of division-wise demands of posts and appointments made; and

(d) the annual expenditure likely to be incurred by railways as a result of these appointments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Electrification of Belpahar

1973. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that electrification of Belpahar—a Rail electrification project in Orissa, is hanging fire for years;

(b) whether Government are aware that this patch of rail line serves the Asia's largst open-cast coal mines at Basundhara area under Hemgir block and the delay has been costing a huge economic loss to the development of the area;

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